

# **SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION**

## **————— MEETING SUMMARY —————**

Public Health Auditorium  
1601 East Hazelton Avenue  
Stockton CA

Wednesday, May 17, 2000 7:00 a.m.

(approved 06/21/00)

1. Meeting was called to order by Chair Gutierrez at 7:10 a.m. All commission members were in attendance except for Commissioners Adubofour (7:12 a.m.), Flenoy–Kelley (7:13 a.m.), and Grande.
2. Meeting summaries from May 2 and May 3, 2000 were presented for approval:  
  
*Motion: Approve meeting summaries from May 2 and May 3, 2000.  
(Snider/Mitchell Motion passed 6–0).*
- 2A. Special Request to Speak by Member of the Public:  
  
Wil Nelson, representing Residential Energy Efficiency Clearing House, Inc., distributed a handout and informed the Commission that he is the Public Policy Director for a non–profit organization. He suggested that the information provided in the document could be used to assist the Commission in making decisions regarding the upcoming RFP process.
3. Continued Discussion on Commission Funding Priorities  
  
Paul Harder reviewed the work done by the Commission at the previous meeting in ranking the 23 Objectives in the Strategic Plan. Each of the Commissioners had been asked to list their ten most important priorities. It was made clear that identifying priorities was not intended to diminish Objectives receiving lower rankings. There was a general agreement of the desirability of communicating to prospective proposers what the program priorities are in order to encourage people to address the things that are deemed most important.  
  
In response to a discussion and expressed concerns that there appeared to be overlapping in some of the Objectives, it was recommended that the Objectives be combined into four Initiatives:

1. Parent Education
2. Children's Health
3. Child Care
4. Drug, Alcohol, and Tobacco Prevention and Treatment

These Initiatives would combine, or cluster, objectives as follows:

1. Parent Education would include Objectives 1.1, 3.5, and 3.6.
2. Children's Health combines Objectives 2.2, 2.3, 2.4, and 3.4.
3. Child Care combines Objectives 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, and 3.6.
4. Drug, Alcohol and Tobacco Prevention and treatment combines objectives 1.4 and 2.1.

Mr. Harder stated that this would allow the Commission to say, "In the context of the Strategic Plan, we support these Goals and Objectives, but we encourage providers to take part in the following Initiatives". He maintained that this would allow the Commission to support programs not only individually, but by including the programs in an Initiative it would provide the infrastructure linking programs to each other.

Along with these four "program" Initiatives, Mr. Harder suggested two other strategies dealing with the service system, i.e. Inclusion and Service Integration.

Following further discussion, it was suggested that a vote be taken to accept the Initiatives concept.

*Motion: That the Commission adopt the four clustering or overarching Initiatives, and (amended) that Goal 4 be intertwined throughout the four Initiatives. (Flenoy-Kelley/Adubofour – 8-0).*

Having agreed to the Initiatives concept, the Commission engaged in a discussion of Strategies for Implementation of the Goals and Objectives. It was concluded that the specific desires of the Commission regarding service delivery strategies and practices be incorporated into the RFPs, including incentives (points) for innovative thinking.

Joan Richards, member of the System Advisory Group, spoke from the audience. She mentioned that Group had considered the vital importance of communications

and media and information referral, and suggested that the whole Commission needs to share with the community the importance of the prenatal to five issues.

In response to the question whether the Commission wished to reallocate funding estimates based upon the newly adopted Initiatives, it was decided to defer the monetary amounts to a later date.

4. Approval of Final Draft Strategic Plan:

Motion: Adopt Final Draft Strategic Plan with the changes discussed today.  
(Fujii/Flenoy–Kelley – 7–0.

5. Steps Toward Implementation of Strategic Plan:

In response to a question regarding the current status of the recruitment process for a full-time permanent status staff coordinator, staff indicated that the final date for filing is June 9, 2000 followed by a period of review of the applications, subsequent interviews by the County Administrator with the selection expected in early July and beginning date of employment within three to four weeks later. It was clarified further that the Staffing Subcommittee would be involved in the application review process.

Mr. Harder provided a handout outlining eight tasks that he felt were imperative to be addressed within the next few months. Because of the need for continuity, Mr. Harder also submitted a proposal that his firm be retained during this upcoming time period of implementation.

In response to a question from the Chair, Counsel indicated that the Commission could continue with a service contract with Harder+ Company without an RFP via a Commission recommendation to the Board of Supervisors. Counsel suggested that the matter be agendaized for the next meeting on June 1, 2000 as a consent item.

6. Public Comment: None

7. Comments from Commission Members:

Commissioner Snider informed the Chair that he would not be present at the public hearing due to his daughter's high school graduation. Commissioner Gutierrez reminded Commissioners of the upcoming workshop on Friday, June 9, 2000 at 7:00 a.m. at the Public Health Auditorium. At the Chair's request, staff added that the workshop would be led by a consultant from the State Technical Assistance Center and would cover creating RFP's, evaluations, and measuring outcomes.

8. *Meeting was adjourned to Thursday, June 1, 2000 at 6:30 p.m., Stockton City Hall, Council Chambers, 2nd floor, 425 N. El Dorado, Street, Stockton (Vera/Mitchell-6-0)*

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